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SUBJECT:MBFR: DATA STUDIES: NATO BLUE BOOK ON WARSAW
PACT FORCES

REFS: A. NATO 1392 (DTG 111704Z MAR 77) B. NATO 1126 (DTG
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021637Z MAR 77) C. AC/276-D (77) 3 (DTD 28 FEB 77) D. AC/
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1. ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN AT THIS TIME A FINAL "SGDS-APPROVED"
FORMAT FOR BLUE BOOK AS DESCRIBED IN REFS A AND B IS, IN OUR
OPINION, PREMATURE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FORCE

DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS GROUP IS CURRENTLY STUDYING VARIOUS FORMATS AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE, WITH AN OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING DATA CATEGORIES THAT CAN BE APPLIED WITH EQUAL VALIDITY TO BOTH NATO AND WARSAW PACT DATA.

2. IN REVIEWING THE DATA FORMAT DEVELOPED IN REF C, WE CONCUR WITH YOUR OBSERVATION THAT THE FORMAT IS STILL TOO DETAILED. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THAT TO ALLOW VALID FORCE COMPARISON, THE CATEGORIES MUST BE CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE DATA BASE. IN THAT REGARD, WE DO NOT CONCUR IN THE SUGGESTION MADE IN PARA 10(B) REF C THAT THE AMOUNT

OF DETAIL SHOULD BE GREATER FOR THE NGA THAN FOR OTHER AREAS.

3. WE STILL BELIEVE CHANCES OF ACHIEVING A VALID USABLE REPLACEMENT FOR THE CURRENT NATO BLUE BOOK WILL BE CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED IF FOR THE NEAR TERM, WE STAY AT THE LEVELS OF DISAGGREGATION SUGGESTED IN REF E. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE VALIDITY OF THE DOCUMENT TO HAVE AS COMPLETE A CONSENSUS ON THE DATA AS POSSIBLE SHORT OF "NATO AGREED." ONCE REASONABLE CONSENSUS IS ACHIEVED AT THAT LEVEL, FURTHER DISAGGREGATION CAN THEN BE CONSIDERED.

4. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMAT FOR THE NATO BLUE BOOK BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE WORK OF THE FORCE DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS GROUP HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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